

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED BILL NO. 647

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Co-Chairmen and members of the General Law Committee:

My name is Sheila Mullen. I'm a resident of East Hampton, CT and co-owner of Fat Orange Cat Brew Co., also located in East Hampton.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Proposed Bill No. 647, specifically the increase of direct-to-consumer limits for off-premise consumption at Connecticut breweries from 9 Liters to 23 Liters per day. We support increasing these limits for all breweries in CT, regardless of their size. The vast majority of states in this country have no limits to off-premise beer sales.

In addition, just as the three tiered system is essential to many and should be balanced and strong, so is the right to self-distribution for my business and other breweries in CT.

As negotiations among concerned parties continue, I'm asking the co-chairmen and committee to be aware of the breweries in the state whose livelihood and potential for growth depend on the changes being discussed here.

Thank you for your time.